

5. Management of Funds

The State Agency maintains sufficient financial control and accounting procedures to assure proper disbursement of and accounting for Federal funds under this Plan.

6. Safeguarding Confidential Information

The State Agency maintains sufficient control and safeguarding procedures to assure proper precaution is taken for safeguarding clients confidential information. This State Agency requires each Area Development District to have their employees and subcontractors sign a HIPPA compliance form.

7. Reporting Requirements

The State Agency agrees to furnish such reports and evaluations to the Assistant Secretary for Aging as may be specified.

8. Standards for Service Providers

All providers of services under this Plan operate fully in conformance with all applicable Federal, State and local fire, health, safety and sanitation and other standards prescribed in law or regulations. The State Agency provides that where the State or local public jurisdictions require licenses for the provision of services, agencies providing such services shall be licensed.

9. State Plan Amendments

State Plan amendments will be made in conformance with applicable program regulations.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS**1. Equal Employment Opportunity**

The State Agency has an equal employment opportunity policy, implemented through an affirmative action plan for all aspects of personnel administration as specified in 45 CFR Part 74.

2. Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Handicap

All recipients of funds from the State Agency are required to operate each program activity so that, when viewed in its entirety, the program or activity is readily accessible to and useable by handicapped persons. Where structural changes are required, these changes shall be made as quickly as possible, in keeping with 45 CFR 84.

3. Civil Rights Compliance

The State Agency has developed and is implementing a system to ensure that benefits and services available under the State Plan are provided in a non-discriminatory manner as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended.

PROVISION OF SERVICE

1. Priorities

The State Agency has a reasonable and objective method of establishing priorities for service and such method is in compliance with the applicable statute.

2. Eligibility

The activities covered by this State Plan serve only those individuals and groups eligible under the provision of the applicable statute.

3. Residency

No requirements as to the duration of residence or citizenship will be imposed as a condition of participation in the State's program for the provision of services.

4. Coordination and Maximum Utilization of Services

The State Agency to the maximum extent, coordinates and utilizes the services and resources of other appropriate public and private agencies and organizations.

5. Minority Providers of Services

Special efforts will be made to provide technical assistance to minority providers of services.

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC ASSURANCES AND PROVISIONS**Sec. 305 (a) –(c), ORGANIZATION**

(a)(2)(A) The State agency shall, except as provided in subsection (b) (5), designate for each such area (planning and service area) after consideration of the views offered by the unit or units of general purpose local government in such area, a public or private nonprofit agency or organization as the area agency on aging for such area.

(a)(2)(B) The State agency shall provide assurances, satisfactory to the Assistant Secretary, that the State agency will take into account, in connection with matters of general policy arising in the development and administration of the State plan for any fiscal year, the views of recipients of supportive services or nutrition services, or individuals using multipurpose senior centers provided under such plan.

(a)(2) (E) The State agency shall provide assurance that preference will be given to providing services to older individuals with greatest economic need and older individuals with greatest social need, with particular attention to low-income minority individuals and older individuals residing in rural areas and include proposed methods of carrying out the preference in the State plan.

(a)(2) (F) The State agency shall provide assurances that the State agency will require use of outreach efforts described in section 307(a)(16).

(a)(2)(G)(ii) The State agency shall provide an assurance that the State agency will undertake specific program development, advocacy, and outreach efforts focused on the needs of low-income minority older individuals and older individuals residing in rural areas.

(c)(5) In case of a State specified in subsection (b)(5), the State agency and area agencies shall provide assurance, determined adequate by the State agency, that the area agency on aging will have the ability to develop an area plan and to carry out, directly or through contractual or other arrangements, a program in accordance with the plan within the planning and service area.

States must assure that the following assurances (Section 306) will be met by its designated area agencies on aging, or by the state in the case of single planning and service area states.

Sec. 306(a), AREA PLANS

(2) Each area agency on aging shall provide assurances that an adequate proportion, as required under section 307(a)(2), of the amount allotted for part B to the planning and service area will be expended for the delivery of each of the following categories of services-

- (A) services associated with access to services (transportation, outreach, information and assistance, and case management services);
- (B) in-home services, including supportive services for families of older individuals who are victims of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders with neurological and organic brain dysfunction; and
- (C) legal assistance;

and assurances that the area agency on aging will report annually to the State agency in detail the amount of funds expended for each such category during the fiscal year most recently concluded.

(4)(A)(i) Each area agency on aging shall provide assurances that the area agency on aging will set specific objectives for providing services to older individuals with greatest economic need and older individuals with greatest social need, include specific objectives for providing services to low-income minority individuals and older individuals residing in rural areas, and include proposed methods of carrying out the preference in the area plan.

(4)(A)(ii) Each area agency on aging shall provide assurances that the area agency on aging will include in each agreement made with a provider of any service under this title, a requirement that such provider will—

- (I) specify how the provider intends to satisfy the service needs of low-income minority individuals and older individuals residing in rural areas in the area served by the provider;
- (II) to the maximum extent feasible, provide services to low-income minority individuals and older individuals residing in rural areas in accordance with their need for such services; and
- (III) meet specific objectives established by the area agency on aging, for providing services to low-income minority individuals and older individuals residing in rural areas within the planning and service area.

(4)(A)(iii) With respect to the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which such plan is prepared, each area agency on aging shall—

- (I) identify the number of low-income minority older individuals and older individuals residing in rural areas in the planning and service area;

- (II) describe the methods used to satisfy the service needs of such minority older individuals; and
- (III) provide information on the extent to which the area agency on aging met the objectives described in clause (a)(4)(A)(i).

(4)(B)(i) Each area agency on aging shall provide assurances that the area agency on aging will outreach efforts that will identify individuals eligible for assistance under this Act, with special emphasis on-

- (I) older individuals residing in rural areas;
 - (II) older individuals with greatest economic need (with particular attention to low-income minority individuals and older individuals residing in rural areas);
 - (III) older individuals with greatest social need (with particular attention to low-income minority individuals and older individuals residing in rural areas);
 - (IV) older individuals with severe disabilities;
 - (V) older individuals with limited English-speaking ability; and
 - (VI) older individuals with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders with neurological and organic brain dysfunction (and the caretakers of such individuals);
- and inform the older individuals referred to in (A) through (F), and the caretakers of such individuals, of the availability of such assistance.

(4)(C) Each area agency on aging shall provide assurance that the area agency on aging will ensure that each activity undertaken by the agency, including planning, advocacy, and systems development, will include a focus on the needs of low-income minority older individuals and older individuals residing in rural areas.

(5) Each area agency on aging shall provide assurances that the area agency on aging will coordinate planning, identification, assessment of needs, and provision of services for older individuals with disabilities, with particular attention to individuals with severe disabilities, with agencies that develop or provide services for individuals with disabilities.

(9) Each area agency on aging shall provide assurances that the area agency on aging, in carrying out the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman program under section 307(a)(9), will expend not less than the total amount of funds appropriated under this Act and expended by the agency in fiscal year 2000 in carrying out such a program under this title.

(11) Each area agency on aging shall provide information and assurances concerning services to older individuals who are Native Americans (referred to in this paragraph as "older Native Americans"), including-

- (A) information concerning whether there is a significant population of older Native Americans in the planning and service area and if so, an assurance that the area agency on aging will pursue activities, including outreach, to increase access of those older Native Americans to programs and benefits provided under this title;
- (B) an assurance that the area agency on aging will, to the maximum extent practicable, coordinate the services the agency provides under this title with services provided under title VI; and
- (C) an assurance that the area agency on aging will make services under the area plan available, to the same extent as such services are available to older individuals within the planning and service area, to older Native Americans.

(13)(A) Each area agency on aging shall provide assurances that the area agency on aging will maintain the integrity and public purpose of services provided, and service providers, under this title in all contractual and commercial relationships.

(13)(B) Each area agency on aging shall provide assurances that the area agency on aging will disclose to the Assistant Secretary and the State agency—

- (i) the identify of each nongovernmental entity with which such agency has a contract or commercial relationship relating to providing any service to older individuals; and
- (ii) the nature of such contract or such relationship.

(13)(C) Each area agency on aging shall provide assurance that the area agency will demonstrate that a loss or diminution in the quantity or quality of the services provided, or to be provided, under this title by such agency has not resulted and will not result from such non-governmental contracts or such commercial relationships.

(13) (D) Each area agency on aging shall provide assurances that the area agency will demonstrate that the quantity or quality of the services to be provided under this title by such agency will be enhanced as a result of such non-governmental contracts or commercial relationships.

(13) (E) Each area agency on aging shall provide assurances that the area agency will, on the request of the Assistant Secretary or the State, for the purpose of monitoring compliance with this Act (including conducting an audit), disclose all sources and expenditures of funds such agency receives or expends to provide services to older individuals

(14) Each area agency on aging shall provide assurances that funds received under this title will not be used to pay any part of a cost (including an administrative cost) incurred by the area agency on aging to carry out a contract or commercial relationship that is not carried out to implement this title.

- (15) Each area agency on aging shall provide assurances that preference in receiving services under this title will not be given by the area agency on aging to particular older individuals as a result of a contract or commercial relationship that is not carried out to implement this title.

Sec. 307, STATE PLANS

(7)(A) The plan shall provide satisfactory assurance that such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures will be adopted as may be necessary to assure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, Federal funds paid under this title to the State, including any such funds paid to the recipients of a grant or contract.

(7)(B) The plan shall provide assurances that—

- (i) no individual (appointed or otherwise) involved in the designation of the State agency or an area agency on aging, or in the designation of the head of any subdivision of the State agency or of an area agency on aging, is subject to a conflict of interest prohibited under this Act;
- (ii) no officer, employee, or other representative of the State agency or an area agency on aging is subject to a conflict of interest prohibited under this Act; and
- (iii) mechanisms are in place to identify and remove conflicts of interest prohibited under this Act.

(9) The plan shall provide assurances that the State agency will carry out, through the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, a State Long-Term Care Ombudsman program in accordance with section 712 and this title, and will expend for such purpose an amount that is not less than amount expended by the State agency with funds received under this title for fiscal year 2000, and an amount that is not less than the amount expended by the State agency with funds received under title VII for fiscal year 2000.

(10) The plan shall provide assurance that the special needs of older individuals residing in rural areas will be taken into consideration and shall describe how those needs have been met and describe how funds have been allocated to meet those needs.

(11)(A) The plan shall provide assurances that area agencies on aging will—

- (i) enter into contracts with providers of legal assistance which can demonstrate the experience or capacity to deliver legal assistance;
- (ii) include in any such contract provisions to assure that any recipient of funds under division (A) will be subject to specific restrictions and regulations promulgated under the Legal Services Corporation Act (other than restrictions and regulations governing

eligibility for legal assistance under such Act and governing membership of local governing boards) as determined appropriate by the Assistant Secretary; and

- (iii) attempt to involve the private bar in legal assistance activities authorized under this title, including groups within the private bar furnishing services to older individuals on a pro bono and reduced fee basis.

(11)(B) The plan contains assurances that no legal assistance will be furnished unless the grantee administers a program designed to provide legal assistance to older individuals with social or economic need and has agreed, if the grantee is not a Legal Services Corporation project grantee, to coordinate its services with existing Legal Services Corporation projects in the planning and service area in order to concentrate the use of funds provided under this title on individuals with the greatest such need; and the area agency on aging makes a finding, after assessment, pursuant to standards for service promulgated by the Assistant Secretary, that any grantee selected is the entity best able to provide the particular services.

(11)(D) The plan contains assurances, to the extent practicable, that legal assistance furnished under the plan will be in addition to any legal assistance for older individuals being furnished with funds from sources other than this Act and that reasonable efforts will be made to maintain existing levels of legal assistance for older individuals.

(11)(E) The plan contains assurances that area agencies on aging will give priority to legal assistance related to income, health care, long-term care, nutrition, housing, utilities, protective services, defense of guardianship, abuse neglect, and age discrimination.

(12) The plan shall provide, whenever the State desires to provide for a fiscal year for services for the prevention of abuse of older individuals, the plan contains assurances that any area agency on aging carrying out such services will conduct a program consistent with relevant State law and coordinated with existing State adult protective service activities for-

- (A) public education to identify and prevent abuse of older individuals;
- (B) receipt of reports of abuse of older individuals;
- (C) active participation of older individuals participating in programs under this Act through outreach, conferences, and referral of such individuals to other social service agencies or sources of assistance where appropriate and consented to by the parties to be referred; and
- (D) referral of complaints to law enforcement or public protective service agencies where appropriate.

(13) The plan shall provide assurances that each State will assign personnel (one of whom shall be known as legal assistance developer) to provide State leadership in developing legal assistance programs for older individuals throughout the State.

(14) The plan shall provide assurances that, if a substantial number of the older individuals residing in any planning and service area in the State are of limited English-speaking ability, then the State will require the area agency on aging for each such planning and service area—

(A) to utilize in the delivery of outreach services under section 306(a)(2)(A), the services of workers who are fluent in language spoken by predominant number of such older individuals who are of limited English-speaking ability; and

(B) to designate an individual employed by the area agency on aging, or available to such area agency on aging on a full-time basis, whose responsibilities will include—

(i) taking such action as may be appropriate to assure that counseling assistance is made available to such older individuals who are of limited English-speaking ability in order to assist such older individuals in participating in programs and receiving assistance under this Act; and

(ii) providing guidance to individuals engaged in the delivery of supportive services under the area plan involved to enable such individuals to be aware of cultural sensitivities and to take into account effectively linguistic and cultural differences.

(16) The plan shall provide assurances that the State agency will require outreach efforts that will identify individuals eligible for assistance under this Act, with special emphasis on—

(A) older individuals residing in rural areas;

(B) older individuals with greatest economic need (with particular attention to low-income minority individuals and older individuals residing in rural areas);

(C) older individuals with greatest social need (with particular attention to low-income minority individuals and older individuals residing in rural areas);

(D) older individuals with severe disabilities;

(E) older individuals with limited English-speaking ability; and

(F) older individuals with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders with neurological and organic brain dysfunction (and the caretakers of such individuals); and inform the older individuals referred to in clauses (A) through (F) and the caretakers of such individuals, of the availability of such assistance.

(17) The plan shall provide, with respect to the needs of older individuals with severe disabilities, assurances that the State will coordinate planning, identification, assessment of needs, and service for older individuals with disabilities with particular attention to individuals with severe disabilities with the State agencies with primary responsibility for individuals with disabilities, including severe disabilities, to enhance services and develop collaborative programs, where appropriate, to meet the needs of older individuals with disabilities.

(18) The plan shall provide assurances that area agencies on aging will conduct efforts to facilitate the coordination of community-based, long-term care services, pursuant to section 306(a)(7), for older individuals who—

- (A) reside at home and are at risk of institutionalization because of limitations on their ability to function independently;
- (B) are patients in hospitals and are at risk of prolonged institutionalization; or
- (C) are patients in long-term care facilities, but who can return to their homes if community-based services are provided to them.

(19) The plan shall include the assurances and description required by section 705(a).

(20) The plan shall provide assurances that special efforts will be made to provide technical assistance to minority providers of services.

(21) The plan shall

- (A) provide an assurance that the State agency will coordinate programs under this title and programs under title VI, if applicable; and
- (B) provide an assurance that the State agency will pursue activities to increase access by older individuals who are Native Americans to all aging programs and benefits provided by the agency, including programs and benefits provided under this title, if applicable, and specify the ways in which the State agency intends to implement the activities.

(22) If case management services are offered to provide access to supportive services, the plan shall provide that the State agency shall ensure compliance with the requirements specified in section 306(a)(8).

(23) The plan shall provide assurances that demonstrable efforts will be made—

- (A) to coordinate services provided under this Act with other State services that benefit older individuals; and
- (B) to provide multigenerational activities, such as opportunities for older individuals to serve as mentors or advisers in child care, youth day care, educational assistance, at-risk youth intervention, juvenile delinquency treatment, and family support programs.

(24) The plan shall provide assurances that the State will coordinate public services within the State to assist older individuals to obtain transportation services associated with access to services provided under this title, to services under title VI, to comprehensive counseling services, and to legal assistance.

(25) The plan shall include assurances that the State has in effect a mechanism to provide for quality in the provision of in-home services under this title.

(26) The plan shall provide assurances that funds received under this title will not be used to pay any part of a cost (including an administrative cost) incurred by the State agency or an agency on aging to carry out a contract or commercial relationship that is not carried out to implement this title.

Sec. 308, PLANNING, COORDINATION, EVALUATION, AND ADMINISTRATION OF STATE PLANS

(b)(3)(E) No application by a State under subparagraph (b)(3)(A) shall be approved unless it contains assurances that no amounts received by the State under this paragraph will be used to hire any individual to fill a job opening created by the action of the State in laying off or terminating the employment of any regular employee not supported under this Act in anticipation of filling the vacancy so created by hiring an employee to be supported through use of amounts received under this paragraph.

Sec. 705, ADDITIONAL STATE PLAN REQUIREMENTS (as number in statute)

(1) The State plan shall provide an assurance that the State, in carrying out any chapter of this subtitle for which the State receives funding under this subtitle, will establish programs in accordance with the requirements of the chapter and this chapter.

(2) The State plan shall provide an assurance that the State will hold public hearings and use other means, to obtain the views of older individuals, area agencies on aging, recipients of grants under title VI, and other interested persons and entities regarding programs carried out under this subtitle.

(3) The State plan shall provide an assurance that the State, in consultation with area agencies on aging, will identify and prioritize statewide activities aimed at ensuring that older individuals have access to, and assistance in securing and maintaining, benefits and rights.

(4) The State plan shall provide an assurance that the State will use funds made available under this subtitle for a chapter in addition to, and will not supplant, any funds that are expended under any Federal or State law in existence on the day before the date of the enactment of this subtitle, to carry out each of the vulnerable elder rights protection activities described in the chapter.

- (5) The State plan shall provide an assurance that the State will place no restrictions, other than the requirements referred to in clauses (i) through (iv) of section 712(a)(5)(C), on the eligibility of entities for designation as local Ombudsman entities under section 712(a)(5).
- (6) The State plan shall provide an assurance that, with respect to programs for the prevention of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation under chapter 3—
- (A) in carrying out such programs the State agency will conduct a program of services consistent with relevant State law and coordinated with existing State adult protective service activities for—
- (i) public education to identify and prevent elder abuse;
 - (ii) receipt of reports of elder abuse;
 - (iii) active participation of older individuals participating in programs under this Act through outreach, conferences, and referral of such individuals to other social service agencies or sources of assistance if appropriate and if the individuals to be referred consent; and
 - (iv) referral of complaints to law enforcement or public protective service agencies if appropriate;
- (B) the State will not permit involuntary or coerced participation in the program of services described in subparagraph (A) by alleged victims, abusers, or their households; and
- (C) all information gathered in the course of receiving reports and making referrals shall remain confidential except—
- (i) if all parties to such complaint consent in writing to the release of such information;
 - (ii) if the release of such information is to a law enforcement agency, public protective service agency, licensing or certification agency, ombudsman program, or protection or advocacy system; or
 - (iii) upon court order.

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

Sec. 307(a), STATE PLANS

- (1)(A) The State Agency requires each area agency on aging designed under section 305(a)(2)(A) to develop and submit to the State agency for approval, in accordance with a uniform format developed by the State agency, an area plan meeting the requirements of section 306; and
- (C) The State plan is based on such area plans.

Note: THIS SUBSECTION OF STATUE DOES NOT REQUIRE THAT AREA PLANS BE DEVELOPED PRIOR TO STATE PLANS AND/OR THAT STATE PLANS DEVELOP AS A COMPILATION OF AREA PLANS.

(2) The State agency:

(A) evaluates, using uniform procedures described in section 202(a) (29), the need for supportive services (including legal assistance pursuant to 307(a)(11), information and assistance, and transportation services), nutrition services, and multipurpose senior centers within the State;

(B) has developed a standardized process to determine the extent to which public or private programs and resources (including volunteers and programs and services of voluntary organizations) have the capacity and actually meet such need;

(4) The State agency conducts periodic evaluations of, and public hearings on, activities and projects carried out in the State under titles III and VII, including evaluations of the effectiveness of services provided to individuals with greatest economic need, greatest social need, or disabilities, with particular attention to low-income minority individuals and older individuals residing in rural areas. *Note: "Periodic" (defined in 45CFR Part 1321.3) means, at a minimum, once each fiscal year.*

(5) The State agency:

(A) affords an opportunity for a public hearing upon request, in accordance with published procedures, to any area agency on aging submitting a plan under this title, to any provider of (or applicant to provide) services;

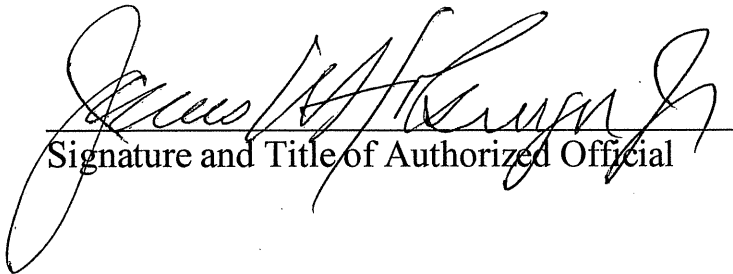
(B) issues guidelines applicable to grievance procedures required by section 306(a)(10); and

(C) affords an opportunity for a public hearing, upon request, by an area agency on aging, by a provider of (or applicant to provide) services, or by any recipient of services under this title regarding any waiver request, including those under Section 316.

(6) The State agency will make such reports, in such form. And containing such information, as the Assistant Secretary may require, and comply with such requirements as the Assistant Secretary may impose to insure the correctness of such reports.

(8)(A) No supportive services, nutrition services, or in-home services are directly provided by the State agency or an area agency on aging in the State, unless, in the judgment of the State agency—

- (i) provision of such services by the State agency or the area agency on aging is necessary to assure an adequate supply of such services;
- (ii) such services are directly related to such State agency's or area agency on aging's administrative functions; or
- (iii) such services can be provided more economically, and with comparable quality, by such State agency or area agency on aging.



Signature and Title of Authorized Official

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Date

PART B - SPECIFIC

1. The minimum percentage of funds that will be expended under Older Americans Act (OAA), Section 307(a)(22) for purposes attendant thereto is that percentage of Title III-B base allocation funds listed for each Area Agency on Aging in Table 1. It is the policy of the State Agency that each Area Agency on Aging must expend a minimum of 65% of Title III-B funds on access, in-home and legal assistance services.

TABLE 1

**MINIMUM TITLE III-B EXPENDITURE REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCESS
SERVICES, IN-HOME SERVICES AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2005 (SFY 2004) EXPRESSED IN PERCENTAGES**

<u>Area Agency</u>	<u>Access</u>	<u>In-Home</u>	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Tot. Percent.</u>
1. Purchase	54.22	18.47	2.32	75.01
2. Pennyrile	68.82	22.52	3.73	95.07
3. Green River	36.87	22.86	5.27	65.00
4. Barren River	38.80	47.87	5.97	92.64
5. Lincoln Trail	49.87	41.07	1.39	92.33
6. KIPDA	67.96	4.84	2.28	75.08
7. Northern Ky.	55.34	30.78	7.35	93.47
8. Buffalo Trace	67.61	2.37	9.01	78.99
9. Gateway	60.52	4.73	3.39	68.64
10. Fivco	62.72	27.98	6.26	96.96
11. Big Sandy	34.22	64.93	0.85	100.00
12. Ky. River	88.07	7.89	4.04	100.00
13. Cumberland Valley	34.86	56.45	2.16	93.47
14. Lake Cumberland	42.36	26.32	5.09	73.77
15. Bluegrass	47.45	26.38	1.63	70.46
Statewide Average*	53.65	27.03	4.05	84.73

*Based on average of percentages

TABLE 2

**MINIMUM III-B FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR ACCESS SERVICES,
IN-HOME SERVICES AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004 (SFY 2005)**

Total				
<u>Area Agency</u>	<u>Access</u>	<u>In-Home</u>	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Purchase	\$ 145,223.00	\$ 49,470.00	\$ 6,211.00	\$ 189,390.00
2. Pennyrite	212,532.00	69,527.00	11,525.00	239,584.00
3. Green River	87,971.00	54,542.00	12,582.00	155,095.00
4. Barren River	149,458.00	184,398.00	23,000.00	356,856.00
5. Lincoln Trail	111,079.00	91,469.00	3,103.00	205,651.00
6. KIPDA	564,045.00	40,196.00	18,889.00	623,130.00
7. Northern Ky.	179,318.00	99,750.00	23,812.00	302,880.00
8. Buffalo Trace	71,300.00	2,500.00	9,500.00	83,300.00
9. Gateway	88,572.00	6,923.00	4,968.00	100,463.00
10. Fivco	100,811.00	44,979.00	10,068.00	155,858.00
11. Big Sandy	73,153.00	138,787.00	1,819.00	213,759.00
12. Ky. River	158,537.00	14,201.00	7,276.00	180,014.00
13. Cumberland Valley	114,500.00	185,408.00	7,097.00	307,005.00
14. Lake Cumberland	115,487.00	71,753.00	13,869.00	201,109.00
15. Bluegrass	313,759.00	194,970.00	12,041.00	520,770.00
Statewide Average	\$ 165,716.00	83,258.00	11,051.00	260,025.00
Statewide Total	\$2,485,745.00	1,248,873.00	165,760.00	3,900,378.00

**LOW INCOME MINORITY ELDERLY POPULATION BASED ON PROJECTED
2000 CENSUS DATA**

Section 307(a)(23) of the OAA requires that the State Plan report the number of low income minority individuals in the State in the prior federal fiscal year. For the first year of the 2005-2008 State Plan, this would refer to 2004.

The OAA effectively equates low income as an income level at or below the poverty level (established by the Office of Management and Budget). This is less than the level established by Kentucky through Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and related entitlement guidelines.

Based on data published in 2000 by the U.S. Census Bureau, there were 9,657 minority individuals in Kentucky age 60 and older with an income at or below the poverty level. These figures will be updated when more current information becomes available.

TABLE 3

<u>Planning and Service Area</u>	<u>Low Income Minority</u>
1. Purchase	647
2. Pennyrile	754
3. Green River	373
4. Barren River	714
5. Lincoln Trail	349
6. KIPDA	3,616
7. Northern Kentucky	270
8. Buffalo Trace	652
9. Gateway	51
10. FIVCO	119
11. Big Sandy	79
12. Kentucky River	62
13. Cumberland Valley	217
14. Lake Cumberland	234
15. Bluegrass	1,520
Statewide Total	9,657*

*Based on U.S. Census figures published in 2000, the latest figures available.

METHODS USED IN FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2004 TO SATISFY SERVICE NEEDS OF LOW-INCOME MINORITY INDIVIDUALS

The following methods were used to ensure that low-income minority persons were linked to and provided available services:

- Used a “weighted” funding formula for allocating funds for services to low-income minorities.
- Targeted services to prioritize low-income minority elderly.
- Located service delivery sites in areas easily accessible to low-income minority elderly persons.
- Required subcontractors to outreach to the low-income minority community and to maintain designated targeting levels in their service contracts.
- Directed particular attention to providing services to low income minorities in proportion to their representation in the Planning and Service Area.
- Used case management/in-home services as a means of accessing low-income minority persons.
- Employed assistance of national resource center in evaluating and improving procedures for targeting low-income minority elderly.
- Prioritized services to low-income minorities in demonstration grants.

METHODS USED IN FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2004 TO SATISFY NEED OF OLDER INDIVIDUALS WHO RESIDE IN RURAL AREAS

In complying with the provisions of OAA Section 307(a)(29), the State Agency during 2004 prioritized the delivery of services to the state’s rural elderly through a multi-component strategy that involved formula-based resource allocations, increased outreach initiatives, targeting of demonstration projects and a program of community information and education. The strategy included:

- Using a weighted formula for allocating funds for services to rural elderly.
- Requiring the Area Agencies on Aging to develop procedures for increased outreach activity in identifying rural elderly and assisting in their accessing Title III services as well as other programs.
- Distributing information through SHIP Program to service providers regarding recent federal mandates on behalf of Medicaid, SSI and Food Stamp eligibles.
- Utilization of promotional and educational materials designed to reach and informally enlist friends and family members of isolated elderly in an information and referral role. The effort was bolstered by Homecare Program Case Managers.
- Close monitoring of Area Agency on Aging subcontracts to ensure compliance with all preference requirements.
- Obtaining funds from the 2002 General Assembly to expand the number of clients served in the Homecare Program.
- Increasing emphasis on the importance of volunteer programs to assist rural seniors with the basics of every day living, i.e., transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping, assistance with home chores, etc.
- Requiring Area Agencies on Aging to schedule public hearings in rural areas to receive public comment on rural needs and services.

PROPOSED METHODS OF GIVING PREFERENCE TO PROVIDING SERVICES TO OLDER INDIVIDUALS WITH THE GREATEST ECONOMIC AND/OR SOCIAL NEED WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO LOW INCOME MINORITY INDIVIDUALS

Under the provisions of OAA Section 305(a)(2)(e), the State Agency proposes these methods for addressing the needs of target populations. The methods are in addition to those previously used and which are described under the above mandates and categories.

- Prioritize these target populations in developing the formula used to allocate Title III funds by applying “weight” in the distribution of the funds.
- Require Area Agencies on Aging to prioritize services to these groups in subcontracts.
- Seek demonstration funds for special outreach initiatives to identify SSI, Medicaid and Food Stamp eligibles.
- Seek involvement of Area Agencies on Aging and service providers in the development of additional methods for giving preference.
- Review priorities for services and needs assessment data in order to determine the specific types of services most needed by the target population.
- Encourage the location and/or access to senior centers and services in geographic areas which contain known populations of older persons with greatest economic and/or social need.
- Continue to encourage local coordination efforts with those agencies or organizations which provide services or entitlements to the target population.
- Enhance the awareness of low-income minority populations of the availability of services and facilitate their accessing of these services through State and Area Plans.
- Seek funding for model projects which are conducted in inner-city and rural settings.